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For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD AND TECHNIQUES FOR MEASURING AND CORRELATING CHARACTERISTICS OF FRUIT WITH VISIBLE/NEAR INFRA-RED SPECTRUM

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☐ the specification filed herewith.

☒ application serial no. 09/804,613, filed March 12, 2001

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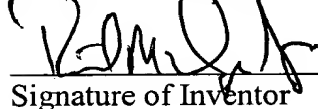
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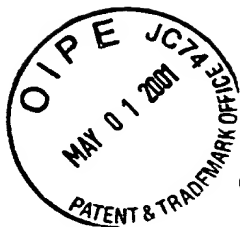
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- ☐ is attached hereto.
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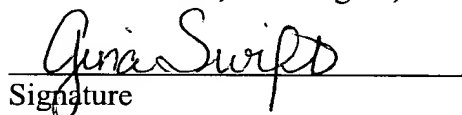
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